



BOONE COUNTY Solid Waste Management District

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Follow-up on Successful Spring Events

On April 26, the District hosted their biannual Household Hazardous Waste collection & electronics recycling event at the Boone County Highway Department in Lebanon. The weather was beautiful which garnered a large crowd of 425 vehicles that came through the event! That is record attendance for the Lebanon



event! At this time, it is known that the district collected 18 tons of tires and over 5 tons of electronics! The final count on the household hazardous waste is still be calculated by their contactor. Thank you to all that participated in disposing of their household items correctly! Our next event will be at the Zionsville Town Hall on Saturday, August 23.

Governor Pence signed House Bill 1183 on April 30. This bill has set up a framework for waste haulers and other entities to report the recycling activities happening around the state. The bill also established a goal of 50% recycling rate for the State of Indiana. This is a great first step in furthering recycling throughout the state!



On May 3, the District in conjunction with the Lebanon Rotary Club and the Lebanon - the Cleanest City in Indiana committee helped with the community clean-up event within the City of Lebanon. Many subdivisions, the main thoroughfares & the downtown area were scoured and cleaned of litter & debris. After participating, we would like to offer the following tidbit of information: Please remember cigarette butts can take up to ten years to fully decompose, are

considered litter & there are many outlets for disposal like the standup butt buckets rather than our City streets!

Lastly, on May 4, the district hosted a booth at the Zion Nature Center's annual ZōGreenfest. The District was able to reach out to many families with education about recycling & proper disposal while the kids participated in a **REUSE** craft. The kids made bracelets from magazine beads, a fun way to learn about **REUSE** while working on those fine motor skills!



Waste Watch



How Can I... Have an Environmentally Friendly Picnic?

After a long hard winter, Indiana is ready to enjoy some nice weather. With nice weather, comes picnics in the outdoors. Remember these few tips with preparing for your next picnic:

1. Plan ahead for your food. Consider the amount of people attending and buy only what you think will be consumed to minimize waste.
2. Buy local. Many farmer's markets are beginning to open up daily or weekly.
3. Use reusable containers. A little washing beats throwing away plates, napkins, cups, baggies, utensils, etc. The list gets long quick!
4. When disposing, utilize recycle/trash bins appropriately, ensure the wind doesn't create litter, or consider hauling your waste back home!



Upcoming Events



**Week of May 12-16 -
Heavy Trash Pick-up
Town of Zionsville**

**July 19-24 - Boone County 4H Fair
Boone County Fairgrounds, Lebanon**

**August 23 - HHW & Electronics
Collection Day - Zionsville Town Hall
9am - 2pm**

**September 26 - Community Grant
Application Deadline
Boone Co. Solid Waste Management
District 4pm**

